

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1

Office of Library Construction Findings

Project Name [Number]	Manteca Branch Library 1065	Current Square Footage	14,396
Applicant	Manteca, City of	Project Square Footage	53,790
Operating Library Jurisdiction	Stockton - San Joaquin County Public Library	Service Area Population:	49,258
Project Type	New Library		
Project Priority	1st	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	10/8/2004
Joint Use Type	Joint Venture		
Multipurpose?	NO	Total Project Amount	\$22,799,475
Leased Site:	NO	State Grant Amount	\$13,746,753

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Needs of urban and rural areas:		[see map]
Population growth:		212%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and condition of existing library:	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Very Good	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:	Very Good	
Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:	Very Good	
Overall Rating:		Very Good

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 211.7%

Age and Condition The library was built in 1962 and was renovated in 1979. Major deficiencies of the existing library: inefficient energy use; lack of space for all services and functions and no flexibility; inadequate room on current site to expand; non-compliance with ADA codes (restroom); and inadequate acoustical control.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included a variety of methods for residents to provide input, including: focus groups tailored to various user groups; community meetings; stakeholder interviews; and a survey that was mailed to each household with utility bills, with an 8% return. Results were analyzed by a professional polling firm. K-12 student needs were considered in depth, with reading readiness identified as a primary service need. A thorough analysis of demographic data led to appropriate determinations concerning library service needs for all residents.

The plan of service adequately addresses the needs assessment findings, but is very brief. Goals, objectives, and service indicators are included, but are indistinct and follow the needs assessment findings in a general way. The identified needs are addressed, but not well described. Because a need pointed to reading readiness, the joint use agreement addresses providing services to preschool through Grade 3 students. Services for older students include group study rooms, and a computer center.

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The building program implements the plan of service, providing spaces to provide the services indicated in the plan. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described. Description of areas for the family literacy center is particularly well done.

The conceptual plans implement the building program requirements. Both programmed and actual square footages are shown on the plan, but only for general areas -- not individual spaces. Non-assignable square footage is not separately listed.

Joint Use Agreement: Family Literacy Center This agreement represents a partnership with mutual benefits and responsibilities for both participants. Each party will participate in providing staffing and funding to operate the joint venture services. Joint venture services are clearly detailed and duties are clearly described to ensure smooth implementation. A quarterly review and evaluation process is included in the agreement.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The application of technology is considered throughout the planning documents. Specific technology uses include: access to electronic resources via the library district WAN; LAN; and training for library users.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The proposed site is also the current site, which is geographically central to the community. It is adjacent to the "Old City Hall," the post office, and Library Park. The site is accessible by foot, auto, and bicycle. The Downtown Improvement Plan recommends that the city establish a public transit system in the future.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.